

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State young citizens who have excelled during their participation in FFA with its mission to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

**Whereas**, Benjamin Joseph "B.J." Kelley of Republic High School will receive the State FFA Degree at the Seventy-fifth Annual FFA Convention which is scheduled for April 24 to April 25, 2003, at the Hearn Center on the scenic, historic campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, the highest earned award given at the state level, the State FFA Degree represents the top three percent of participants each year who are critiqued on their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program in agribusiness or production agriculture and their leadership ability as demonstrated through involvement in FFA, school, and community activities; and

**Whereas**, B.J. Kelley is one of only 632 State FFA Degree recipients who will receive that prestigious honor at the 2003 annual FFA Convention; and

**Whereas**, in earlier FFA activities B.J. Kelley placed Seventh in the National BBQ Chicken Cookoff and First at Districts for Parliamentary Procedure, received the Showmanship award at the Greene County Fair in 1998 and 2001, and served as Herdsman of swine at the Ozark Empire Fair in 2001 and 2002; and

**Whereas**, a ranch foreman in addition to being a student, B.J. Kelley began participating in FFA in 1999 and 4-H in 1993 and served as an age 14-16 Cadet for the Republic Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, B.J. Kelley has achieved many of his goals in life through the unparalleled support and encouragement he has so generously received from his parents, Joe and Sherry Kelley:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar achievements garnered by Benjamin Kelley thus far in life and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon receiving a rare State FFA Degree at the Seventy-fifth Annual FFA Convention and our best wishes for continued academic and extracurricular success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Benjamin Joseph "B.J." Kelley of Republic High School.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker